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Man Charged with New Year's Day Fatal Stabbing at Downtown LA Restaurant

A 49-year-old man was charged today with the stabbing death of a fellow restaurant patron in downtown Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Devan Cleef Lampkin (dob 1/28/70), a transient, faces one count of murder with allegations of using a knife in the killing.

Case BA483705 included allegations that Lampkin was convicted in Fresno for lewd acts with a minor in 2000.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

On Jan. 1, the defendant allegedly stabbed Homer Garcia, 56, in the chest at a restaurant in the 100 block of 7th Street and then fled, prosecutors said. Garcia died as a result of his injuries.

Bail is scheduled at more than \$2 million. Lampkin faces a possible maximum sentence of 56 years to life in state prison if convicted as charged.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Central Division.

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